# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 451 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W10 3452

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 18, 2005, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2005-06 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W9 3452a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

## 2005-2006 Regulations for Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area

### Washington County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE		CLOSING DATE		COMMENTS
DEER					For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct.	1	Nov.	18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov.	12	Nov.	18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov.	19	Jan.	1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery	Jan.	2	Jan.	31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar.	8	Mar.	14	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar.	15	May	1	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sept.	24	Sept.	30	
SQUIRREL	Oct.	1	Feb.	28	
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. Feb.	1	Jan. Feb.	31 28	Daylight hours without dogs. See RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TRAPPING	Nov.	1	Feb.	28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.			cions.	
RABBIT	Oct.	15	Feb.	28	

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### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEROY PERCY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W10 3452

CLOSED AREA: Primitive weapon deer hunting limited to south of Highway 12 and north of Highway 12 east of Black Bayou. Archery hunting allowed in any open hunting zone during deer seasons. No hunting allowed north of Hwy. 12, west of Black Bayou and east of the no hunting boundary signs that are west of the park lodge.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a selfservice permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the Leroy Percy State Park lodge before leaving the WMA.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with 4 or more antler points AND an inside spread of 15 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

SPECIAL BUCK TAGS: For research purposes, a limited number of special buck tags, which allow the harvest of bucks with at least one unforked antler, will be issued to hunters. To apply, send an 8  $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number and Leroy Percy WMA to Leroy Percy WMA Special Buck Tags, 2291 CR 145, Greenwood, MS 38930. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Sept. 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 85 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 125 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 85 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

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TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 15 - May 1 is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Leroy Percy WMA Turkey Hunt, 2291 CR 145, Greenwood, MS 38930. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2006 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons (as defined by Public Notice 2280.002), and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the Youth Gun deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. Rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum may not be used in the small game and archery area west of the park lodge. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT: During deer seasons, raccoon, opossum, and bobcat hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours. Night hunting allowed with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 am. Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 south of Hwy 12 and north of Hwy. 12 east of Black Bayou.

**DOVE:** During the first season, hunting is allowed after the youth hunt (Sept. 3) on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Hunting hours from 2:00 pm until sunset only. Number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 25.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulations.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

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This adopted public notice will become effective July 31, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of June 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

Executive Director

Shaw Muller Notary

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large My Commission Expires: May 15, 2006 Bonded Thru Helden, Brooks & Gertand, Inc.

